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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	) Group Art Unit: 2172
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Hitoshi SEKINE, et al.	) Examiner: F. I. Ehichioya
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Application No. 09/782,988	)
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Filed: February 13, 2001	)

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING AND MANAGING DATA**

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